

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-17 and 19-25 are pending in the Application.

The Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-5, 7-21, 21 and 22 are allowed and the indication that claims 18 and 26 are allowable if amended to be in independent form.

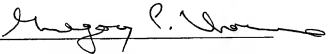
Applicants have canceled claims 18 and 26 without prejudice. The subject matter indicated as allowable in these claims has been incorporated into independent claims 13 and 17. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 13 and 17 be allowed. Further, claims 14-16, 18-20 and 23-25 respectively depend from one of claims 13 and 17 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 14-16, 18-20 and 23-25 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the

foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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